MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of any.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have the Government received any complaint that the shank industry is not being properly developed on account of this monopoly which prevents others from taking up this business?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

Defalcation in the Chackai Railway Chowkey.

193. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any defalcation in the Chackai Railway *Chowkey* in 1106 to the extent of Rs. 15,000;

(*b*) whether any officer was deputed to investigate it, and, if so, the nature of his report; and

(*c*) the punishment meted out to the officer and the officer by whom the punishment was given?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no defalcation. There was, however, a suspected loss of revenue to the extent of about Rs. 480.

(*b*) An Excise Inspector and a Sub-Inspector were deputed to check the accounts of the Chackai Railway Customs. On checking the accounts certain discrepancies in the weight of *be di* tobacco assessed to duty were found and reported.

(*c*) Second Grade Sub-Inspector Mr. A. Paramesvaran Nayar who was responsible for the irregularities was ordered to pay up some of the short levies of duty observed on checking the accounts. He was also reduced by one step. The punishments were ordered by Mr. P. Gomatinayakam Pillai, the late Excise Commissioner.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the facts of the defalcation case in one or two short sentences?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Properly speaking, there is no defalcation. It was only a difference in weighment.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know, how?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The *beedi*, weighed by the Railway officials, was found to weigh less when it was weighed by the Customs authorities.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know how Government explain the word *'defalcation'*?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The member will kindly look into the Dictionary.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether there is a Dictionary in the Legislative Council Library?

PRESIDENT: Please stick to the point, Mr. Nadar.

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There may be a Dictionary in the Legislative Council Library.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the punishment was according to the gravity of the crime?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether it is desirable to retain that corrupt officer in that Department?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no evidence that he was corrupt. For the irregularity he committed he has been punished.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know for what purpose he was punished?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): For committing that irregularity.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know that irregularity?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Difference in weighment.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the present designation of that officer.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is given in the answer to part (*c*).

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the name of the officer by whom the punishment was given?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That too is given in the answer.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether such light punishment is not likely to bring about multiplication of such defalcation cases?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not think the punishment is light.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know who punished that officer?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That also is given in the answer to part (*c*).

Manakudi-Rajakamangalam road.

194. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a proposal to construct a road between Manakudi and Rajakamangalam;

(*b*) whether the alignment of the said road is over;

(*c*) whether the proposed alignment is connected with Osaravila, Malananchan-Kudiyiruppu, Elantavila, Nainavur, Kilakrishnanputur, Melakrishnanputur, Pallam, Mangavila, Katamattivila and other villages;

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